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Dear Parents and Carers,

Note from the Headteacher's desk

The weeks at Cawood have been immensely enjoyable and rewarding.

The first thing that strikes you as you come into school is how warm, friendly and welcoming the school is. The children are exceptional. They are polite and well behaved, and there is a genuine desire to read, find out and learn.

As the new Headteacher, it is encouraging to know that there is a deep and genuine concern for the children's safety, wellbeing and academic achievement. It has been really good to get to know the parents, staff and governors better over the past few weeks. It is clear to see the desire and passion for the children to learn, and develop their skills and talents with a real love and enthusiasm. It really has been an incredible few weeks and in many ways full of drama.

Certainly one of the highlights was going to the Sheffield Arena with the key stage 2 children. Our children were absolutely brilliant. They joined in all the songs that they had learned and practised, and thoroughly enjoyed singing with the biggest choir I have ever seen, with hundreds of children all joining together to make an amazing sound. Thank you to all the parents who came, joined in, supported and helped to make it such a wonderful experience.

I felt like I learned a great deal from the occasion. For me, it was not just about the children, staff and parents, just being in the building and adding voices to a choir. What was significant was the passion and enthusiasm in which everybody joined in to give of their best, and to enjoy singing and enrich the whole experience. Certainly, for me, it was a very important reminder of how we approach learning and any challenges that may lie ahead.



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A huge thank you to Mrs Walker and all the staff who worked together to make it happen, giving so many of our children such a memorable and rich experience of singing together with such a huge and amazing choir.

I must also mention the year 5 and 6 residential trip to Robinwood. I have been on countless residential in the past but there was definitely something very special about this one. It was a cold and frosty morning and I extend my apologies for the delay as the arrangements for the coach were checked and sorted out. Fortunately for us, the fog cleared as we came to the M62. As the mist lifted and gave way to the sunshine, the traffic jams also seemed to clear which allowed the coach to speed up and make good progress. As soon as we arrived we walked quickly to the accommodation for the fire and safety checks, then we were straight on with our first activity.

In what seemed like a matter of minutes I was harnessed in and hooked up to a zip wire and facing Libby for a screaming competition to see who could scream the loudest. Libby won and I was dangling on the end of a wire, not sure whether to inhale or exhale! The whole three days were just exhilarating. What I really appreciated and took away with me was how fantastic the children were at helping encouraging and supporting one another, whether they were in a cave, canoeing or climbing. It really was a wonderful experience and learning opportunity for the children.

See later in the newsletter for a photo of the children before they departed from school.



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School news

Mr G. Goodwin has retired from the post of caretaker. Mr Goodwin has worked at the school for a number of years and has done a brilliant job in keeping the school clean, tidy, safe and warm. Thank you to Mr Goodwin for all his hard work and service over the years. The school has meant a lot to him, and I'm sure he will keep in touch. Very best wishes from all the children, staff, parents and governors for a long and happy retirement.

Mr N. Ramsden has taken on a more involved role within the Selby & District Fostering Association and has reluctantly resigned from the post of Midday Supervisor. Neil has been a huge support to both pupils and colleagues and we wish him all the very best for the future. We may be able to persuade him to come into school to help us out from time to time as he has previously supported woodwork in classes.

Parent Pay

The school will no longer be taking cash payments or cheques for dinners starting w/c 13.3.2017. Please refer to letters sent home or contact Jo Moore in the school office for more information.

Parent's Disco

The parents disco at the Old Boys' School was a great success, and a fitting final ever one! Thank you to everyone who supported this event. An incredible £1,400 was raised for the school. About 120 people came to the disco which helped to make it a very enjoyable evening. A huge thank you to everyone for working so hard to organise the event, including Stacey and Jeremy Needham with the running of the disco.

Bishop visit

The Right Reverend Bishop of Selby, Bishop John, is coming to visit our school on Tuesday 28th March. We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop John to our school and we are starting to plan our morning act of worship. Please put the date in your diaries, and come and join us for our time of worship which will start at 9.10am.

Changes in policy

There have been some changes to our school policies. Staff have been working on several areas such as behaviour, the anti-bullying policy, the marking and feedback policy, the presentation policy, and safeguarding procedures. We are confident that the changes will make a positive impact, and the policies will be updated on the website as soon as they have been discussed and accepted by the Governing Body.

Dates

There is a list of dates accompanying this newsletter.

I would just like to highlight that Parents' Evening will be on April 3rd and April 5th.

Our Easter celebration service be on Thursday 6th April at Cawood All Saints Church at 2pm.

Bikeability

Bikeability is taking place on March 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th. Please check book bags for the packs which have been sent out.

Parking

Please take care parking outside school, and park responsibly. Where possible, please try to walk or cycle.



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New clubs starting after half term in addition to the clubs we have at school....



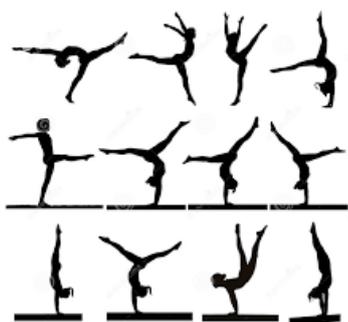
Organised by Mr Payling

Football on a Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm.
For boys and girls in years 5 and 6.



Organised by Mrs Shepherd

Gardening on a Wednesday 3.30pm – 4pm
For children in years 1, 2 and 3



Organised by Premier Sports

Gymnastics on a Thursday. The details are on the letter
given out by premier sports.

Please contact the school if you have any questions concerning these clubs, and thank you for the offers of help and support. It is very much appreciated.

Please can I remind you to let the office know if your child is unable to attend any after school club? We must know the arrangements for the child being collected at the end of the day.

Thank you

A big thank you to Governor Jackie Grey for organising a Stakeholder welcome event for me. It was lovely to meet the members of Feoffees, the members of the Governing Body, community leaders and the members of the church. It is also reassuring that there is such a strong and committed team working together to continue to strengthen and develop the school.

We are planning a similar event soon for parents. You will be able to come and meet Mr Payling, together with Chair of Governors Mr Noott, for an informal chat and a drink. In the meantime, Mr Payling is always available on the playground before school; please feel free to have a chat about anything you want!

Thank you

A huge thank you to Mrs Hyland and Mrs Hornsby for giving up so much of their time to help lead the residential to Robinwood.



Thanks to our year 5 and 6 pupils for being so brilliant, and for making it such an amazing residential.

Notes from The School Council meeting

Council members:

Gabriel, Daniel, Emily, Theo, Fraser, Evelyn, Joseph, Evie, Victoria, Thomas, Cameron, and Sienna.

1. Behaviour

- Behaviour ambassadors are to remind the children to walk sensibly down the corridor.
- The new behaviour charts are working well. Children are listening better and it helps you to listen more.

2. The Prayer Shed

- We have some money to spend on the prayer shed and would like to make improvements.
- We will write a letter to parents and carers asking if they could donate any cushions for the prayer shed.
- We will write to companies to see if there are any sample of carpets they could donate.
- We will decide on some rules for the prayer shed so that it is used properly for prayer.
- In the Summer, we will work with teachers to design and decorate the inside.

3. Bins in the playground.

- There was a vote in favour of having bins in the playground.

4. Talent contest

- We are planning to have a talent contest in July. Year six children will judge the competition.

5. The playground

- Mr. Payling will look into playtimes and bring a plan back to the school council to have different areas for sport and the use of play equipment.

6. In the classroom

- Children are enjoying the lessons and the school feels happy, friendly and settled.
Please can we have more white board pens? Mr. Payling will look into this.

7. The Governing Body.

- In future the school council will submit a report to the governing body

Message from Home/School Liason Officer

Dear Parents and Carers I am a non-teaching member of staff who has experience of helping children with issues which can arise from a variety of situations faced both at home and school. My role is to offer support and work through matters with children. If needed I can provide a link between school and the home for parents or carers with general school welfare matters.

I will be running 2 sessions a week on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons in the school library for parents and carers. These sessions are an opportunity for you to come and talk things over. If your child is experiencing anything at home that may be impacting on school life, or you have any concerns regarding the wellbeing of your child in the school environment I would invite you to come and see me.

Sessions will initially work on a casual 'drop in' 'one to one' basis, with further individual contact arranged as required.

Please use the main entrance via reception this will ensure that the schools safeguarding regulations are met.

Session times:

- Monday mornings 8.30am – 9.30am
- Friday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm

I look forward to meeting you.

Kind Regards

Carole Ramsden
Home School Liason Officer.

